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1. QUAI INDICATES TOASTS NOT CURRENTLY PLANNED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER'S DINNER JULY 4. HOWEVER, IN EVENT IMPROMPTU TOAST IS GIVEN, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SECRETARY RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. MINISTER:

I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE HONOR YOU HAVE SHOWN ME BY THE SPLENDID DINNER YOU HAVE OFFERED ME IN THIS CELEBRATED BUILDING. I AM PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH THIS OCCASION GIVES ME TO DEVELOP THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE BEGAN AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL IN OTTAWA. TODAY THE WORLD FACES THE MOST DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION IT HAS KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS. BUT ALTHOUGH THIS IS A TIME OF GREAT DANGER, IT IS ALSO A TIME OF GREAT OPPORTUNITY -- OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND PERFECT THE INSTRUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL

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COOPERATION WHICH ALONE WILL ENABLE US TO MEET THE

CHALLENGE OF ECONOMIC CRISIS.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WILL REQUIRE NOT ONLY MULTILATERAL CONTACTS BUT ALSO THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE BILATERAL CONTACTS. MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH FRANCE WHICH, BY VIRTUE OF ITS INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE, ITS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION, THE QUALITY OF ITS LEADERSHIP, AND THE NATIVE GENIUS OF ITS PEOPLE, IS DESTINED TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENARIO WHICH WILL UNFOLD IN THE YEARS AHEAD. HENCE, MY COLLEAGUES AND I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE FREQUENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES. IN PARTICULAR, I PERSONALLY HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DRAW ON THE WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE WHICH YOU HAVE ACQUIRED IN A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF YOUR COUNTRY.

I AM ESPECIALLY HAPPY THAT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE FOR ME TO VISIT PARIS SO SOON AFTER FRANCE ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE MOVEMENT OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION AND HAS BEEN DISTRESSED BY THE SIGNS OF DISARRAY WHICH HAVE BEEN EVIDENT IN THE COMMUNITY IN RECENT MONTHS. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE INDICATIONS THAT YOUR PRESIDENT INTENDS, DURING THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY, TO GIVE THE UNIFICATION MOVEMENT NEW FORWARD IMPETUS. I WISH HIM EVERY SUCCESS IN THIS HISTORIC ENDEAVOR.

I RAISE MY GLASS TO THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, TO THE SUCCESS OF HIS NEW GOVERNMENT, TO THE PROSPERITY OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE, AND TO FRANCO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. END TEXT.

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